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Camden County Planning & Development Department **Now Accepting Debit & Credit Cards**

WOODBINE, GEORGIA - June 30, 2015 - The Camden County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce, that as part of their commitment to provide customers with more efficient and convenient service, the Planning & Development Department is now accepting Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards and debit cards. With all future payments to Planning and Development (P & D), each customer will have the option to pay for services such as permitting and business licenses with a debit or credit card. There is a 1% convenience fee for each transaction to utilize this alternative payment method. This fee is charged by the third party vendor administering the program.

P & D Director Eric Landon is excited about this new opportunity for customers and hopes it makes life a little easier for most of them. "Camden is a large County and we want to make it easier for our customers to do business with us. By accepting credit and debit cards our customers can simply pick up the phone and call instead of drive from one end of the County to the other. This is a complement to our updated website and our ability to treat all customers with the same high quality service regardless of their location."

Additional services are also being offered by the department, including accepting right-of-way encroachment permits and fees for public works. Customers no longer have to travel to Woodbine after they leave the Kingsland location to handle these matters. P & D continues to focus on the customer and its customer service rating reflects this with a recent survey rating of 4.93 out of 5.

Compared to last year at this time, single family permits being issued are up from 29 to 43 permits. It is also taking less time to receive those permits. Last year's wait time for a single family permit was 21 days but this year's wait time for the same permit is only 4 days.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated, "I am pleased to make doing business with Camden even easier. Our goal is to provide taxpayers with efficient and effective services and that includes making them as accessible and convenient as possible."

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For additional information, please contact Camden County Planning & Development at 912.729.5603 or visit our website at www.camdencountyga.gov. You will find the Planning & Development Department under the Government tab at the top of the page.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our mission is to deliver defined county services with exceptional customer service and in a financially sustainable and transparent manner.

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